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KUWAIT FOR FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS

E.O. 11652 : GDS

TAGS : CGEN

SUBJECT : CONSULAR PACKAGE - FY 1976

REF: DEPARTMENT A-4500

1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONSE TO REFERENCE AIRGRAM BUT AFTER REVIEWING DRAFT REPLY I HAVE HELD UP OUR RESPONSE PENDING URGENT AND FULL REVIEW CONSULAR OPERATION AT THIS POST. MY PROBLEM IS THAT VOLUME OF CONSULAR WORK HERE INITIALLY SUGGESTED TO ME POSSIBILITY WE MAY BE DEVOTING MORE AMERICAN OFFICER TIME TO IT THAN EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES WOULD DICTATE. TENTATIVE IMPRESSION OF MY STAFF, HOWEVER, IS THAT FULFILLING OUR CONSULAR RESPONSIBILITIES PROPERLY IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE MIGHT REQUIRE SUBSTANTIALLY MORE AMERICAN OFFICER TIME THAN POST'S PREVIOUS WORKLOAD PROJECTIONS SUGGEST, BECAUSE OF REALITIES OF OPERATING IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. THIS RAISES SEVERAL QUESTIONS OF HOW WE GO ABOUT OUR CONSULAR ACTIVITY, QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE ADEQUACY OF LOCAL STAFF, AND EVEN OFFICE SPACE MANAGEMENT. BUT QUESTION IS WHETHER WE NEED A FULL TIME FSO VICE CONSUL AT THIS POST, AND IF SO, HOW URGENTLY.

2. SINCE I HAVE BEEN IN TOWN ONLY 4 WEEKS, AND OUR SOLE
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CONSULAR OFFICER AND OUR FIRST ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER ARE

EVEN MORE RECENTLY ARRIVED, WE ARE ALL MOST TENTATIVE IN OUR IMPRESSIONS AS WE UNDERTAKE THIS REVIEW. FOREIGN SERVICE INSPECTORS ARE ARRIVING HERE JULY 18. I FEEL IT ESSENTIAL THAT WE SEEK BENEFIT OF THEIR EXPERIENCE, AND RECENT OBSERVATION OF CONSULAR SECTIONS ELSEWHERE IN THIS REGION, BEFORE CONCLUDING WHAT OUR FUTURE CONSULAR WORKLOAD IN TERMS OF MAN HOURS IS LIKELY TO BE.

3. INTEND TO REPLY TO REFERENCE AIRGRAM TELEGRAPHICALLY BY LAST WEEK OF JULY.
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